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SUBJECT: CABINDAN REFUGEES IN TSHELA

REF: (A) STATE 49146 (B) KINSHASA 1834; (C) BRENNAN - D/HA
TELECON 2/25/77; (D) BRENNAN-WARREN TELECON 3/4/77;
(E) GENEVA 1403

1. AS DEPT AND EMBASSY NOTE, MISSION SHARED KENNEDY REPORT WITH DEPUTY UNHCR LATE FEB 25 PER DISCUSSION AND DEPT. RECOMMENDATION REF (C), IN EFFORT PROVIDE UNHCR HEADQUARTERS FACTUAL DATA ON SUBJECT FOR ITS FORTHCOMING MEETINGS IN GENEVA WITH NOEL. THIS ALSO CONSONANT WITH OUR EFFORTS TO PROD UNHCR HERE TO GET NOEL MOVING IN TSHELA BY GIVING IT TRUE PICTURE OF SITUATION AS WE UNDERSTOOD IT, AND PART OF OUR RECIPROCAL EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON SUBJECT (FROM OTHER SIDE, FOR INSTANCE, IACOVOU AND NOEL REPORTS TO UNHCR, GENEVA 1324) IN ATTEMPTING TO RESOLVE PROBLEM. AS CONCERNS PASSING SANITIZED VERSION OF KENNEDY REPORT TO UNHCR AT THIS TIME, DEPT SHOULD BE AWARE THAT POINTS MADE SECOND SENTENCE PARA 2, AND PARA 7 THAT REPORT WERE CONVEYED TO UNHCR FEB 25. ON OTHER HAND, ONLY SENSE OF FIRST SENTENCE, PARA 8, WAS PASSED; SECOND AND FINAL SENTENCE THAT PARA WERE DELETED.
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2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT FOLLOWING CONFERENCES HERE WITH DEPUTY UNHCR AND HIS LESSER SUPERIORS THIS PAST WEEK, NOEL IS DUE TO RETURN TO KINSHASA AFTER HIS SCHEDULED TUESDAY, MARCH 8, MEETING WITH SADRUDDIN (REF E). FYI. EVIDENTLY MACE, JAEGER AND HOMANN-HERRIMBERG WERE SUFFICIENTLY MOLLIFIED BY NOEL'S EXPLANATIONS AND/OR ASSURANCES

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TO ALLOW HIS RETURN. END FYI. AS REPORTED REF (D), DEPUTY UNHCR HAS REQUESTED THAT HA COUNSELOR MEET WITH NOEL TO RECEIVE PERSONALLY LATTER'S VIEWS OF SITUATION AND PLANS TO COPE WITH IT. WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ON MOST URGENT BASIS IN RESPONSE REF (D), DEPT'S VIEWS AS TO ADVISABILITY ACCEPTING THIS INVITATION, ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF NEW DIMENSION OF AMBASSADOR'S MEETING WITH SADRUDDIN REQUESTED REF (A).

3. WHILE WE WOULD GATHER FROM THIRD SENTENCE PARA 3, REF (A) THAT AMBASSADOR'S PRESENTATION WOULD NOT SUGGEST ANY HINT OF RECOMMENDED ACTION WITH RESPECT TO NOEL, NONETHELESS IF DEPT PERCEIVES THIS AS ONE OF HICOM'S OPTIONS IN CONFRONTING PROBLEM, MEETING WOULD HAVE TO TAKE PLACE ON OR BEFORE TUESDAY TO BE EFFECTIVE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING BY IMMEDIATE (NOT NIACT) CABLE BY OPENING OF BUSINESS MARCH 7 (0300 WASHINGTON TIME) DEPT'S WISHES AS CONCERNS PROPOSED MEETING OF HA COUNSELOR WITH NOEL, AT WHICH AT LEAST DEPUTY UNHCR WOULD ALSO PARTICIPATE, OR WHETHER IT WOULD SEE POSSIBLE CONFLICT OR OVERKILL BETWEEN THIS AND RECOMMENDED MEETING OF AMBASSADOR WITH HICOM. ALSO, IN LIGHT OF KENNEDY REPORT INFORMATION PASSED TO UNHCR FEB 25, DOES DEPT WITH INSTRUCTIONS RE CONTENT OF SANITIZED VERSION FOR SADRUDDIN CHANGED? CATTO

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